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Letter dated 10 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 15 April 2008, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 2 April to 29 May 2008, as follows:

On 2 April 2008, five CN-235 and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 3 April 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 5 April 2008, two C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 7 April 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 8 April 2008, one Cougar and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 9 April 2008, two C-650, two B-200, two Cougar and one Black Hawk Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 10 April 2008, six Cougar and four CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

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On 11 and 13 April 2008, four CN-235, two C-650, one Cougar and one Black Hawk Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus eight times.

On 14 April 2008, two C-130, two CN-235 and one GLF-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 15 April 2008, one Cougar, two CN-235 and two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 16 April 2008, two Cougar, two C-160 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 17 April 2008, four CN-235, one C-650 and one GLF-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 18 April 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 19 April 2008, five F-16 and four KC-135 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and once the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 22 April 2008, one CN-235, two C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 24 April 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 25 April 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 27 April 2008, one Cougar and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 28 April 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 29 April 2008, two CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 30 April 2008, five F-16, two KC-135, two B-200 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 1 and 2 May 2008, two F-16 and five Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 6 May 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 7 May 2008, three CN-235, two C-130, two F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 8 May 2008, two Cougar and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On the same day, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 12 May 2008, three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 13 May 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 May 2008, two F-16, two B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 16 and 17 May 2008, four CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 20 May 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 21 May 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations, and two Cougar and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 24 May 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 25 May 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 27 May 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 28 May 2008, one Cougar and two B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 29 May 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations and call for their immediate cessation.

Turkey's policy of persistently breaching international law and defying international rules and regulations gravely jeopardize the safety of international civil aviation, as well as the stability of the region. Moreover, Turkey's systematic attempts to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Cyprus, by promoting an illegal secessionist entity, arrogating to itself, inter alia, the right to control part of Cyprus's airspace, further complicate the efforts to build trust and confidence between the two communities. Such actions are yet further evidence of Turkey's sole objective, namely, to consolidate the existing division of the island and sustain its military presence in Cyprus in perpetuity.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 22, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**